

## REMARKS

In the Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 16 were deemed allowable and of the remaining pending claims, claims 9, 14 and 15 stand rejected for reasons of record.

Applicant hereby retains the allowed claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 16 in the instant application and cancels the remaining claims 9, 14 and 15 from consideration in this application.

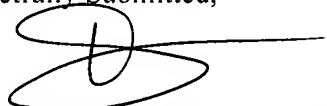
Applicant states that these cancelled claims will not be pursued in this application or application related thereto.

Applicant respectfully requests early indication of the acceptance of these claims and dispatch of the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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